

ABSTRACT  
WA-I-327  
Zeller Farm  
Hagerstown Vicinity  
private

19th Century

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-327  
District 13  
Map 37  
Parcel 439

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**HISTORIC  
**Zeller Farm**

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**Broadfording Road west of I-81**

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF **Hagerstown**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**6**

STATE

**Maryland**

COUNTY

**Washington****3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

**Bilrite Homes C/O Groh Realty**

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**151 W. Washington Street**

CITY, TOWN

**Hagerstown**

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**Maryland 21740****5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

**Washington County Court House**Liber #: **286**Folio #: **407**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**West Washington Street**

CITY, TOWN

**Hagerstown**

STATE

**Maryland 21740****6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

**Maryland Historical Trust Survey # 4093**

DATE

**Summer 1967**☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS**Maryland Historical Trust**

CITY, TOWN

**Annapolis**

STATE

**Maryland 21401**

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

—EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
—FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
—RUINS  
—UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED < 50%

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
—MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm is located at the end of a private lane extending in a southerly direction from Broadfording Road, just west of interstate highway 81 in Washington County, Maryland. The buildings are situated on an area of relatively level limestone ground with the house facing east.

The dwelling is a two story, three bay brick building resting on fieldstone foundations. A two story, four bay ell extends to the rear or west. It has a double porch along its north elevation and a one story hipped roof porch at its south wall.

All elevations of the front section of the house display Flemish bond brickwork. This extensive use of Flemish bonding is unusual among Washington County's 19th century brick houses. American or common bonding is used in the wing. Flat arches of brick are present above most openings.

Windows and doors are aligned with each other in the walls. The openings seem relatively large in relation to wall area. They have narrow frames with rounded exterior surfaces. Most windows have been replaced with two over two pane double hung sashes. Some nine over six light sashes remain in the ell. Most windows are flanked by pairs of louvered shutters with movable louvers. Some two panel shutters are also used.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. It is framed similarly to the windows and includes a five light transom above double four panel doors. The door jambs are also paneled. Extending along most of the front elevation is a Victorian period porch supported by turned posts with decorative brackets.

The roof of the house is sheathed with sheet metal and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. Brick chimneys with a corbel at their tops are located inside the end walls of the main section. Chimneys are also located inside the end walls of the ell, just to the north and south of the roof ridge respectively.

Behind the house is a small log building, presumably a smoke house. It has a wood shingle roof and a batten door secured with long strap hinges. Further behind the house is a stone spring house which stands over a portion of a large spring around which are remains of some stone walls and possible foundations. Northwest of the house is a large stone end bank barn with frame gables. It is topped with decorative metal ventilator cupolas. In a sale bill of 1896 the barn is described as "new". Further to the west, beyond the barn is a two story, five bay wooden dwelling, possibly of log construction which may have been built as a tenant house. Long and narrow the structure appears to have been built in parts.

A public sale advertisement for this property which appeared in the Hagerstown newspaper during the fall of 1896 lists the following improvements on this farm: A new bank barn, a large brick house with 11 rooms, a wagon shed, corn crib, spring house, carriage house and tenant house.

The farm contains 131.34 acres. The buildings appear to be in good condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The farm includes parts of the land grants "Hager's Delight" and "Doubtful". In his will made April 6, 1869, Samuel Zeller leaves the farm to his son, Samuel S. Zeller, referring to it as the "home place." (Will Liber F/260). In 1879 Samuel S. Zeller sold the farm to Henrick A. Sutton (78/91). The property changed hands numerous times during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Washington County Land Records.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 131.34 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

**Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant**

ORGANIZATION

**Washington County Historical Sites Survey**

DATE

**August 1977**

STREET & NUMBER

**County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street**

TELEPHONE

**791-3065**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

STATE

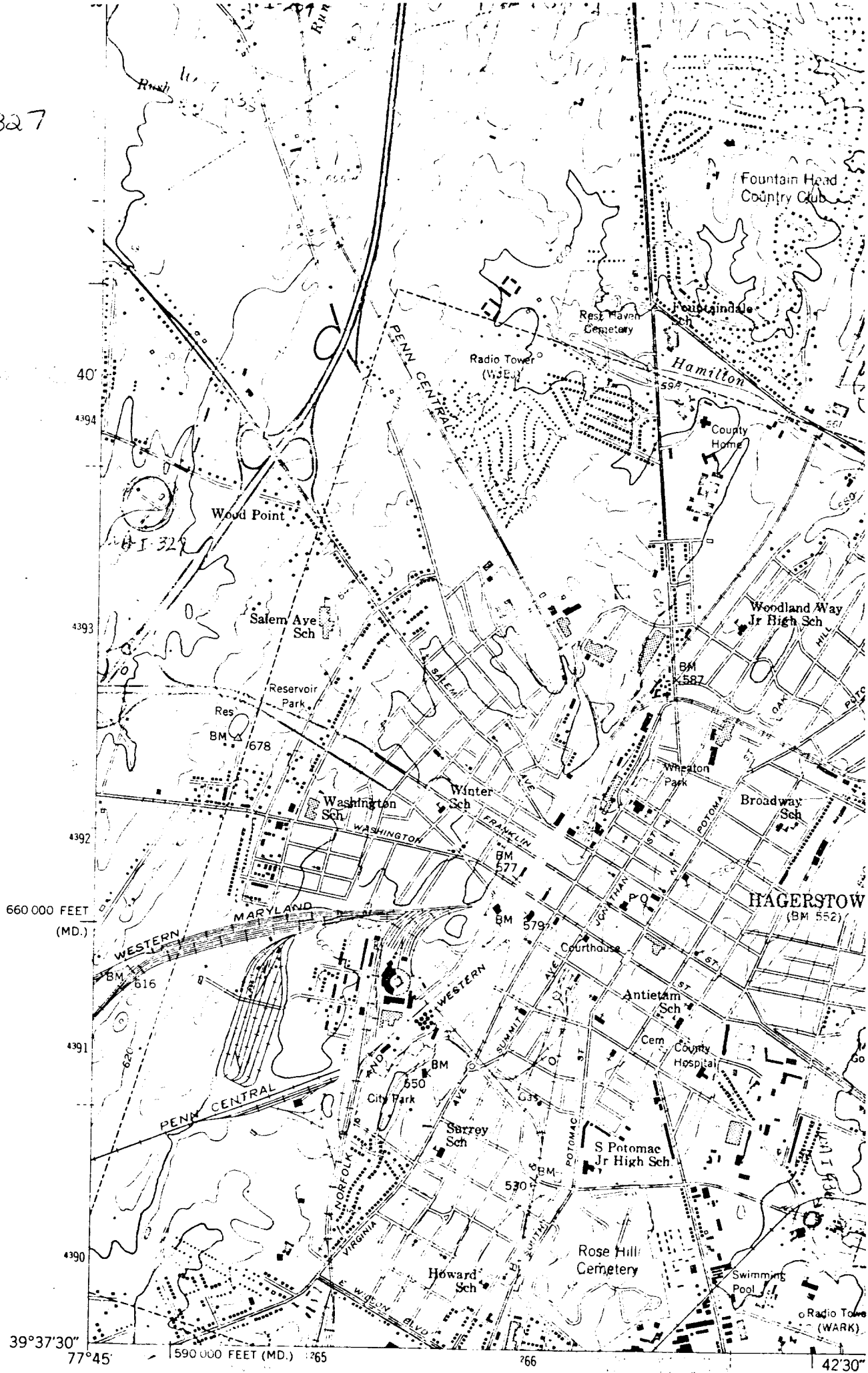
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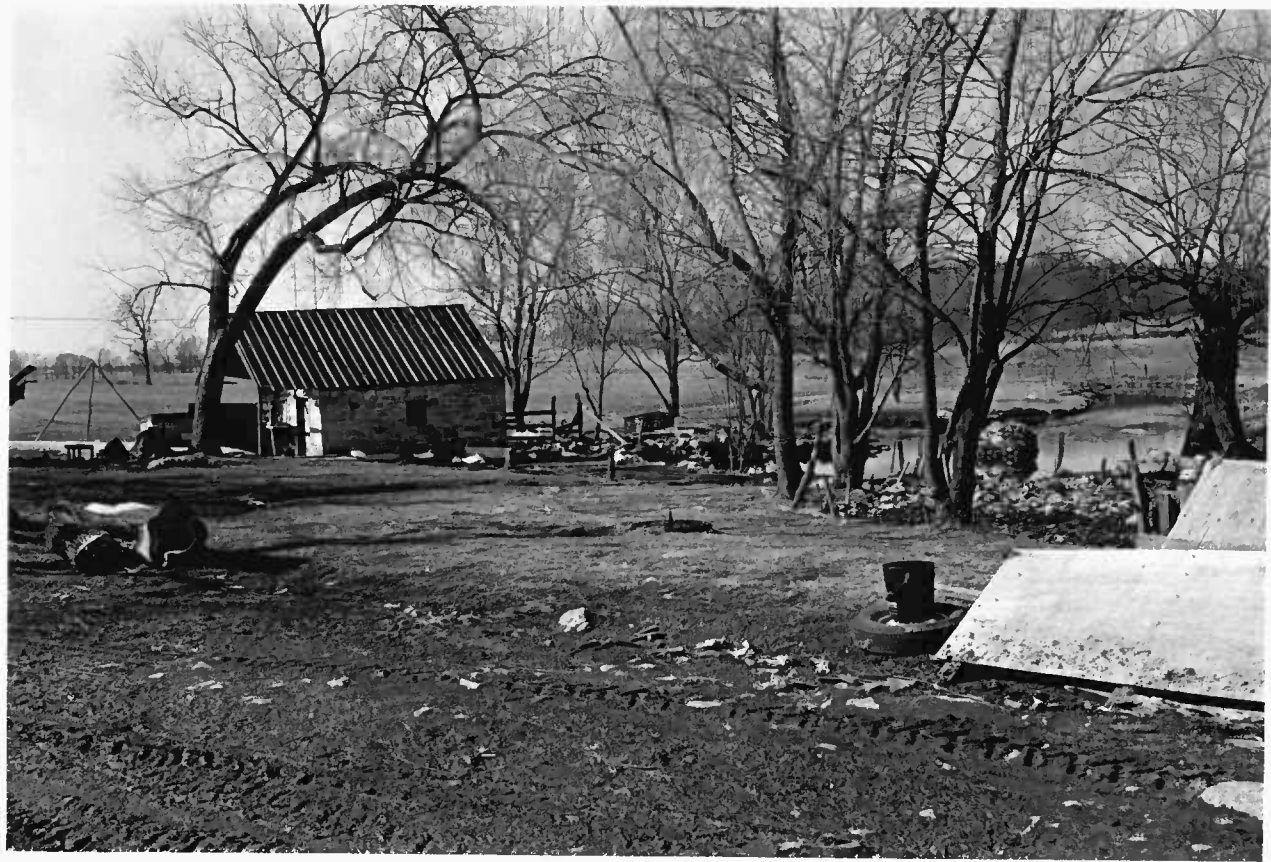




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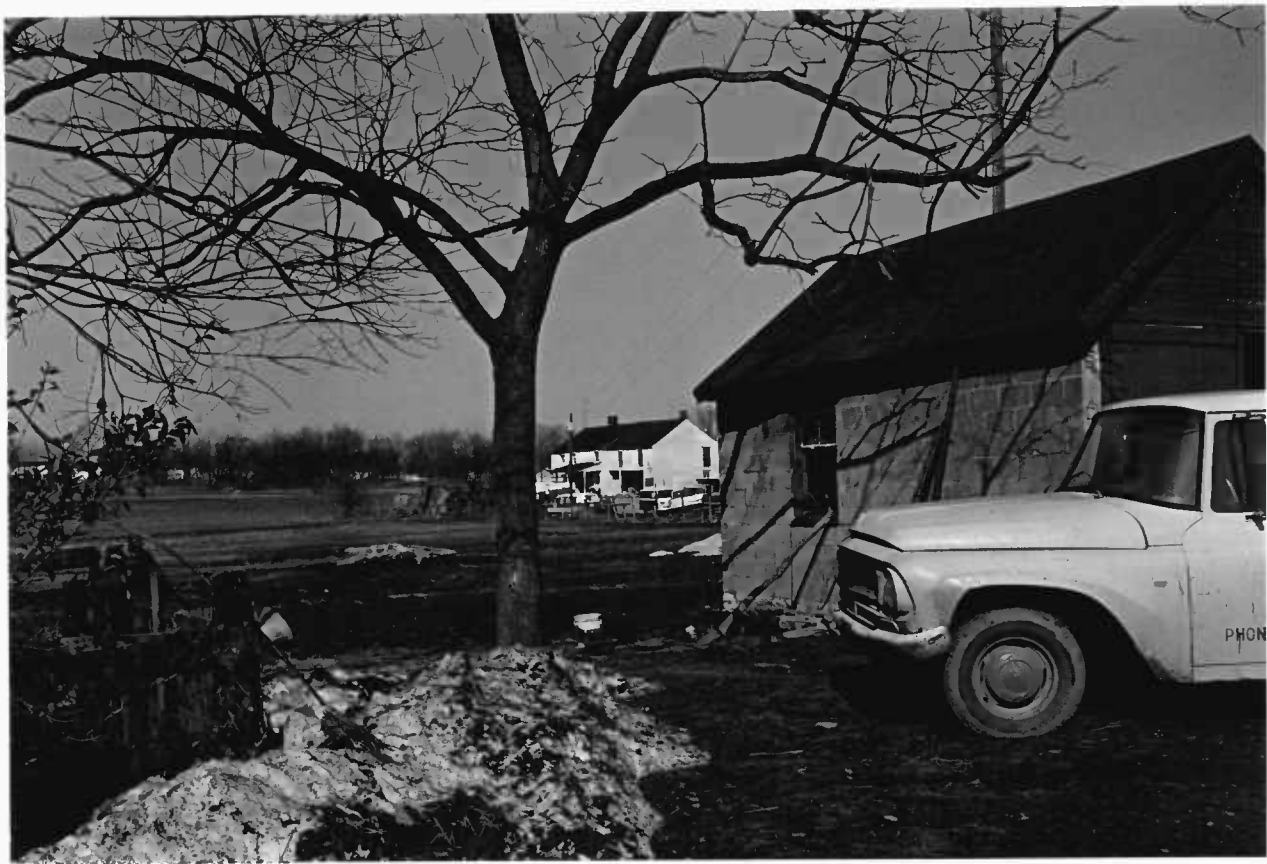
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